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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BAKR MAKES PUBLIC ATTACK ON USG POLICY TOWARDS
THE GULF

1. SUMMARY: IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH GOVERNMENT-OWNED
BAGHDAD DAILY EL-JUMHURIYAH OF SEPT 20, PRESIDENT
BAKR MADE STRONGLY WORDED ATTACK ON ALLEGED USG
PLAN TO DOMINATE OIL TRANSIT ROUTES IN THE AREA.
FRONT PAGE HEADLINE READS, "BAKR: IRAQ REJECTS THE
AMERICAN PLAN TO DOMINATE THE OIL OF THE ARAB GULF."
IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT HAS PRECIPITATED THIS
ATTACH, AND USUAL FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES ARE ALL IN
NEW YORK FOR THE UNGA. USINT WILL PROVIDE BACKGROUND
WHICH MAY BECOME AVAILABLE DURING NEXT FEW DAYS,
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BUT BELIEVES THAT DEPARTMENT SHOULD TAKE A HARD LOOK
AT TEXT OF ARTICLE WHICH FOLLOWS: END SUMMARY.

2. "LEADER PRESIDENT AHMAD HASSAN AL-BAKR
CONFIRMED IRAQ'S TOTAL REJECTION OF THE AMERICAN PLAN
WHICH AIMS AT DOMINATING SOURCES OF PETROLEUM IN THE
ARAB GULF AREA. IN AN EXCLUSIVE STATEMENT TO EL-JUMHURIYAH,

THE PRESIDENT REFUTED THE PRETEXTS OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION THAT THE EXISTENCE OF AN EXTERNAL DANGER THREATENS THE ARTERIES THROUGH WHICH ARAB OIL FLOWS TO CONSUMERS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD. PRESIDENT BAKR RENEWED THE POSITION OF THE IRAQI REPUBLIC TOWARD THE SUSPICIOUS PROJECTS WHICH ARE BEING PROPOSED BY IMPERIALIST CIRCLES IN THE GULF.

"HIS EXCELLENCY SAID: OUR COUNTRY HAS TAKEN A CLEAR AND FIRM STAND REGARDING THESE PROJECTS, REITERATING OUR TOTAL OPPOSITION TO ANY INVITATION WHICH AIMS AT ESTABLISHING PACTS OR REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVING SUSPICIOUS AIMS. IRAQ HAS CALLED FOR FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION IN THE ARAB GULF BASED ON INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLES, FOR THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS IN THIS REGION THROUGH BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND FOR STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATION AND TIES BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE GULF BASED UPON THIS METHOD. THE STRUGGLER PRESIDENT ADDED: THESE REPEATED AMERICAN DECLARATIONS EXPOSE PERMANENT HOSTILE INTENTIONS AGAINST THE PEOPLES AND SECURITY OF THE REGION. THEY ALSO ARE FIRMLY TIED WITH COMPREHENSIVE IMPERIALIST PLANS AND PLANS FOR A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN PROPOSED CONTRARY TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE ARAB NATION.

"IT IS WORTH MENTIONING THAT THE USA HAD ANNOUNCED
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THAT THE DEFENSE OF THE GULF AREA ENJOYS STRATEGIC PRIORITY AGAINST ANY OUTSIDE AGGRESSION. PRESIDENT CARTER HAD ORDERED THE PENTAGON IN A TOP SECRET MEMORANDUM TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES AND TO PRESERVE THE OIL INTERESTS OF THE USA IN OUR AREA FOLLOWING WASHINGTON'S REALIZATION OF ITS GREAT DEPENDENCE ON MIDDLE EAST OIL."
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